

**RECESSED MEETING
HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
DECEMBER 1, 2011**

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
Recessed Meeting

COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
December 1, 2011

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 1st day of December, 2011, a Recessed Meeting of the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners was begun and held at the Courthouse, in the City of Chattanooga, in the County Commission Room, when the following proceedings were held, to wit: --

0:16 Present and presiding was the Honorable Larry Henry, Chairman. County Clerk Bill Knowles called the roll of the County Commission and the following, constituting a quorum, answered to their names: Commissioner Bankston, Commissioner Beck, Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Fields, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner McClure, Commissioner Skillern, and Chairman Henry. Total present - 9. Total absent – 0.

Also in attendance were County Mayor Jim Coppinger, members of his administrative staff, County Attorney Rheubin Taylor, and County Auditor Bill McGriff.

0:32 Commissioner Boyd gave the invocation by reading from an excerpt from a devotional given to Commissioners by Commissioner McClure. Commissioner Boyd led in the pledge to the flag.

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2:30 **RESOLUTION NO. 1211-12 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR
TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR A
FASTTRACK INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT (FIDP) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$409,244
COMMENCING ON NOVEMBER 8, 2011 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2016 TO
PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR WRIGLEY
MANUFACTURING, LLC, AND TO SIGN ANY AND ALL CONTRACT-RELATED
DOCUMENTS**

Chairman Henry reported that this Resolution had been scheduled to be considered at the Wednesday, December 7th Regular Meeting, but was moved to be heard during today's meeting. He stated that this item was a time-sensitive matter. He noted that Wrigley was investing \$23,100,000 for capital improvements to renovate their Life Savers Mints manufacturing facility. Wrigley anticipated creating 54 new jobs within three years of completion, with average salaries ranging from \$48,900 to \$69,000.

3:32 Mayor Coppinger introduced Bruce VerBurg, Chattanooga Wrigley Facility Director, who was available for any questions.

4:11 Upon questioning by Commissioner Fields, Chairman Henry stated that the grant funding would be provided by the State of Tennessee, with no local match required by the County.

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4:36 Commissioner Skillern pointed out that in the past, Wrigley has always been very accurate to create the number of jobs they anticipated.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Skillern, seconded by Commissioner McClure, to adopt Resolution No. 1211-12. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye"; Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner McClure, "Aye"; Commissioner Skillern, "Aye"; and Chairman Henry, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

5:32 Mr. VerBurg thanked the Commission, and provided a brief update regarding the progress of the manufacturing facility. He welcomed members of the Commission to attend its grand-opening in March.

6:34 Mayor Copping made remarks concerning the Chamber of Commerce, which the County supports financially. He pointed out that one of the benefits of this support is encouraging new business and economic development in the area. He recognized Chamber of Commerce staff member Steve Hiatt, who was in attendance for today's meeting.

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There being no further business, Chairman Henry declared the meeting
adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

Date



Clerk's Initials